

Strengthen international academic exchange and promote development of gastroenterology

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Approved by the China state Committee of Science and Technology in January 1998 (Document No. 027), China National Journal of New Gastroenterology has been renamed as World Journal of Gastroenterology and will be published bimonthly and distributed world wide. This is an important turning point in the publication of this Journal.

Since the Journal was established on October 1, 1995, 229 articles, including 8 editorials, 165 original articles (72.0%), 5 reviews, 6 case reports and 45 brief reports have been published in 9 issues of 3 volumes. Seventy-four papers were funded by the National Natural Science Foundation of China, accounting for 44.8%. Through its content, the Journal reflected the achievements in China's gastroenterology made in this period and promoted the international academic exchange in the field of digestion. The Journal was distributed worldwide, covering 32 provinces and autonomous regions domestically and many developed countries as well, including UK, USA, Japan, France, Germany, etc. The Journal has been listed in 8 major indexes of China.

The policy of the World Journal of Gastroenterology is to strengthen the global academic exchange in the field of digestion of both modern medicine and traditional medicine, enhance the development of gastroenterology, and make contributions to protecting the people's health in the world.

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We greatly appreciate the extensive concern, and opinions and suggestions about the Journal from the gastroenterologists in the world.

On the occasion of the renaming of the Journal, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all our readers, members of the international advisory board and the editorial board, and leaders at different levels.

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